

**STATE OF RHODE ISLAND AND PROVIDENCE PLANTATIONS
ENERGY FACILITY SITING BOARD**

IN RE: THE NARRAGANSETT ELECTRIC	:	
COMPANY d/b/a NATIONAL GRID	:	
NOTICE OF INTENT TO RELOCATE	:	DOCKET SB-2018-01
EXISTING TRANSMISSION LINES OF	:	
LESS THAN 1,000 FEET	:	

ORDER

On January 19, 2018, The Narragansett Electric Company d/b/a National Grid (National Grid or Company) filed with the Energy Facility Siting Board (the Board) a Notice of Intent to relocate existing transmission lines less than 1,000 feet in accordance with Rule 1.6(c) of the Board's Rules of Practice and Procedure (Rules). The Board docketed this Notice on January 22, 2018 and assigned it Docket Number SB-2018-01.

National Grid intends to relocate short portions of the existing Q-143S, R-144, and T-172N 115 kilovolt (kV) transmission lines (transmission lines) at the Woonsocket Substation (Substation) in North Smithfield, Rhode Island (the Project). The Project will replace existing conductors and associated hardware and insulators. It will also require the removal of nine transmission structures and the installation of twelve new structures. All work will occur within the immediate vicinity of the Woonsocket Substation. There are no residential or commercial properties depicted on Appendix A of the filing that would be impacted by the Project, nor will it result in a significant impact on the environment or the public health, safety, and welfare. National Grid represented that the Project is necessary to address reliability concerns

Rule 1.6(c) of the Rules requires that a copy of a Notice of Intent to Construct or Relocate power lines of less than 1,000 feet be filed with the council of the municipality affected by the construction of said lines at least sixty days before construction is to commence, which National

Grid did. The Rule also allows the municipality, or any intervenor, thirty days after the filing to file an objection with the Board. No such objection has been received by the Board.

The Board finds that the Project as set forth in in the filing by National Grid does not constitute an alteration of a major energy facility as defined by the Energy Facility Siting Act, R.I. Gen. Laws §42-98-3, and Rules 1.2(d) and 1.2(p). Because the Project does not constitute an alteration of a major energy facility and is expressly excluded as such pursuant to Rule 1.2(d) of the Rules, it does not require a formal investigation by the Board and will be given expedited treatment pursuant to Rule 1.6(e) of the Rules.

Accordingly, it is hereby:

(132) ORDERED:

The Notice of Intent to Relocate the Existing Transmission Lines of Less than 1,000 feet is approved.

EFFECTIVE AT WARWICK, RHODE ISLAND, FEBRUARY 26, 2018. WRITTEN ORDER
ISSUED MARCH 27, 2018.

ENERGY FACILITY SITING BOARD

Margaret E. Curran, Esq., Chairperson*

Janet Coit, Member

Parag Agrawal, Member



*Chairperson Curran did not participate in this decision.